



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 16
AGENDA DATE: Thu 10/28/2004
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SUBJECT: Authorize application for and acceptance of \$121,866 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, Fiscal Year 2004 DNA Capacity Enhancement program, to fund a Laboratory Information System for the Austin Police Department DNA Section; amend the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$121,866 in grant funds for the DNA Capacity Enhancement program.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available for the grant period October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005. A match is not required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Police
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Stan Knee

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Coy, Assistant Chief/974-5021

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This action authorizes the City to apply for and accept \$121, 866 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, Fiscal Year 2004 DNA Capacity Enhancement program. The grant period runs from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Funding will be used to support implementation of the Laboratory Information Management System software (tracks samples and links them to crime reports and manages lab reports) for the DNA lab. The funding is also to support the purchase of monitoring equipment for the DNA and Evidence Sections, so that biological freezers will be continuously monitored and responsible parties will be notified as soon as a problem is identified. This will prevent the loss of valuable evidence due to a mechanical failure. This grant addresses the Department goal to improve efficiency through technology in order to provide information for daily operations, analysis and strategic planning and to increase the likelihood of successful prosecution of criminals.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-01 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the application and acceptance of \$121,866 in grant funds from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, Fiscal Year 2004 DNA Capacity Enhancement program.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$121,866 in grant funds to fund a Laboratory Information System for the Austin Police Department DNA Section.

PART 3. The Council finds that the need to amend the budget constitutes an emergency, a grave public necessity, and an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not, by reasonable diligence, have been included in the original budget for the current fiscal year. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

David Allan Smith
City Attorney

Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk

